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1927 – exact date not known

An earlier photograph in the series showed a flatbed railcar loaded with massive squared timbers. This image may show what became of some of them, now installed as part of a heavy wooden framework within the mill. The scale is impressive, especially with a worker standing near the center of the structure to provide some sense of proportion.

Look closely at the upper part of the image and there appears to be a large chute or duct descending from several stories above. Its exact purpose is uncertain, but it suggests the increasingly complex network of structures and equipment being added as this section of the mill was completed and prepared for use.

The concrete building in the background has already taken shape, while the timber framework in front of it remains open and unfinished. Permanent buildings, temporary supports, industrial equipment, and active construction all overlap in the same view.

The photograph is marked only with the year 1927; the month and day are no longer legible. Its exact location within the mill also remains uncertain. One possibility is that it was taken behind the old bag factory, though that identification still needs confirmation.